

KHPA Board Meeting February 19, 2008 Legislative Bill Report

High Interest Bills

SB 443 "Long-term care partnership program act"

Introduced on 1/17/08

Status 1/18/2008 SENATE - Referred to Financial Institutions and Insurance -SJ 1210 on 1/31/2008, SENATE - Hearing: 2/05/2008, Tues., 9:30 am, Rm. 136-N

Interested Agencies - Department Social and Rehabilitation Services - Patrick Woods; Department of Commerce - Patricia Eakes

Bill Notes

SB 443 establishes the long-term care partnership program. The bill requires the KHPA and the Kansas Department of Insurance to establish a long-term care partnership program in Kansas to provide for the financing of long-term care through a combination of private insurance and medical assistance. Along with establishing basic eligibility requirements and partnership duties the bill requires the KHPA to pursue reciprocal agreements with other states to extend the “asset disregard” to Kansas residents who purchased long-term care partnership policies in other states that are compliant with the DRA.

SB 456 Kansas health policy authority, inspector general.

Introduced SB 456 was introduced by the Committee on Judiciary on 1/22/08

Status 1/23/2008 SENATE - Referred to Ways and Means -SJ 1214 1/30/2008 S Hearing: 2/05/2008, Tues., 10:30 am, Rm. 123-S

Interested Agencies – Department of Commerce - Patricia Eakes; Kansas Health Policy Authority – Tracy Russell.

Bill Notes

SB 456 amends the requirements of the Inspector General of the Kansas Health Policy Authority to report to the Kansas Health Policy Authority Board instead of the Executive Director. SB 456 was introduced by the Committee on Judiciary. Modifies inspector general’s required reporting contact to the KHPA Board rather than the KHPA Executive Director.

SB 493 State-wide prohibition on smoking in indoor public areas.

Introduced on 1/29/08

Status 1/29/2008 S Introduced -SJ 1224; 1/30/2008 S Referred to Judiciary.

Interested Agencies – **Governor** John Polzar, Susan Allen and Kate Wolff - ; **Highway Patrol** - Debbie Schumaker; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** – Tracy Russell; **Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission** – Don Cawby.

Bill Notes

SB 493 enacts the Kansas Uniform Smoking Prohibition Act. The bill provides a county proposition to all qualified county voters a question of whether they would like the county to fall under the Kansas Uniform Smoking Prohibition Act. The Uniform Smoking Act, if passed by the county, prohibits smoking in nearly all public places with few exceptions. Listed exceptions are 20% of hotel and motel rooms, non-designated working areas of places of employment, private automobiles used primarily for personal use, freight trains, and commercial motor vehicles. If the proposition does not receive a majority of votes then that county will not fall under the provisions of the Uniform Smoking Protection Act (thereby preventing the Uniform of the Uniform Smoking Prohibition). The bill does permit counties to entertain additional propositions in subsequent elections in the event the proposition does not pass the first go around. This bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Judiciary (Senators: Barnett, Wysong, V. Schmidt, Brungardt, and Reitz) on January 29, 2008.

SB 511 Study on bariatric surgery by the Kansas health policy authority; necessity and effect of bariatric surgery for the morbidly obese, impact on health insurance and cost analysis.

Introduced on 1/29/08

Status 1/29/2008 S Introduced -SJ 1226; 1/30/2008 S Referred to Financial Institutions and Insurance – SJ 1229; 1/31/2008 S Hearing: 2/06/2008, Wed., 9:30 am, Rm. 136-N.

Interested Agencies – **Kansas Health Policy Authority** - Tracy Russell.

Bill Notes

SB 511 requires the KHPA to conduct a study of bariatric surgery for the morbidly obese. The study must include emerging research evidence of the positive health impact for the morbidly obese, qualification of the patients and surgeons when the surgery is appropriate or necessary, along with cost analysis with insurance and Medicaid reimbursement. The bill also requires the KHPA to work with the commissioner of Insurance to study the impact of extending coverage of bariatric surgery to the State employee benefit plan, affordability of coverage to small businesses, high risk pool, and possibility of reinsurance of state subsidies for reinsurance. The KHPA is to report the findings to the Health Policy Oversight Committee on November 1, 2008. The bill was introduced by Senator Barnett on January 30, 2008.

SB 528 Healthy weight education programs.

Introduced on 1/31/08

Status

Interested Agencies – Kansas Health Policy Authority - Tracy Russell.

Bill Notes

SB 528 creates the Healthy Weight Education Program. The bill provides that school boards are permitted, but not required, to establish healthy weight programs within their schools. The bill also states that beginning in year 2008-2009 school boards may apply for a grant of state moneys to pay for the program. The bill was introduced by the Committee of Education on January 31, 2008. SB 528 establishes a Healthy Weight Education Program that is to be administrated by the State Board of Education.

SB 540 Health insurance; Kansas small business health policy committee act health insurance clearinghouse, age of dependents, very small employers.

Introduced on 2/4/08

Status 2/4/2008 S Introduced -SJ 1241; 2/5/2008 S Referred to Public Health and Welfare -SJ 1247; 2/6/2008 S Hearing: 2/13/2008, Wed., 1:30 pm, Rm. 136-N; Withdrawn from Public Health and Welfare; Referred to Financial Institutions and Insurance.

Interested Agencies – Governor - Susan Allen and Kate Wolff; Department of Administration – Annette Witt; Kansas Health Policy Authority - Tracy Russell; Department of Commerce – Patricia Eakes.

Bill Notes

SB 540 is the KHPA Health Reform Insurance pieces bill which includes: defining and establishing “very small employer” groups, defining and establishing “young adult policies,” changing the age dependants can remain on parental insurance polices to 25, and creates the Kansas Small Business Health Policy Committee. This bill was introduced on February 4, 2008 by the Joint Committee on Health Policy Oversight and was placed within the Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee.

SB 541 Powers and duties of the Kansas Health Policy Authority; relating to a medical home, premium assistance and small business wellness grant program; establishing a health reform fund.

Introduced on 2/4/08

Status 2 2/4/2008 S Introduced -SJ 1241 2/5/2008 S Referred to Public Health and Welfare -SJ 1247; 2/6/2008 S Withdrawn from Public Health and Welfare -SJ 1258; Referred to Health Care Strategies -SJ 1258.

Interested Agencies – Department of Revenue - Steve Neske; Governor - Susan Allen and Kate Wolff; Department of Administration - Annette Witt; Kansas Health Policy Authority - Tracy Russell; Department of Commerce – Patricia Eakes.

Bill Notes

SB 541 is the KHPA Health Reform bill that makes changes to KHPA duties and composition including: adding the Commissioner of Education to the KHPA Board, defining medical home, creating the small business wellness program, expanding premium assistance to include childless adults, and the creation of the Health Reform Fund. This bill was introduced on February 4, 2008 by the Joint Committee on Health Policy oversight and was placed within the Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee.

SB 542 An Act increasing rate of tax upon cigarettes and tobacco products; creating health reform fund; depositing money into.

Introduced on 2/4/08

Status 2/4/2008 S Introduced -SJ 1241

2/5/2008 S Referred to Assessment and Taxation -SJ 1246

Interested Agencies – **Department of Revenue** - Steve Neske; **Governor** - Susan Allen, John Polzar and Kate Wolff; **Department of Administration** - Annette Witt; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** - Tracy Russell.

Bill Notes

SB 542 is the KHPA Health Reform bill that increases the tax on cigarettes and smokeless tobacco. This bill also creates the Health Reform Fund as well. This bill was introduced on February 4, 2008 by the Joint Committee on Health Policy oversight and was placed within the Senate Assessment & Taxation Committee.

SB 564 Health Insurance for small employers.

Introduced on 2/6/08

Status 2/13/2008 SENATE - Hearing: 2/19/2008, Tues., 9:30 am, Rm 136-N

Interested Agencies - **Department of Revenue** - Steve Neske; **Governor** - Susan Allen.

Bill Notes

SB 564 makes several changes to current Kansas law to promote the use of section 125 plans, health savings accounts and high deductible health insurance plans. The bill also creates the Small Employer Health Care Act. This act requires applicable health benefit plans to be renewable with respect to all eligible employees and dependants at the option of the small employer with limited exceptions. The Act also prohibits small employer carriers from writing new business in the small employer market in Kansas for a period of 5 years if they elect not to renew a health benefit plan. SB 564 also requires all administering carriers, starting in the open enrollment period of 2009, to offer to all eligible individuals the option of receiving care coverage through a high deductible health plan as well as a health savings account, with all being available through section 125 plans. The bill also amends the definition of "Health Benefit Plan" to include 125 plans, high deductible plans, and health savings accounts. This bill also requires all small employer carriers to actively market all health benefit plans sold by the carrier in the small group market to eligible small employers in the state. And finally, the bill requires the Kansas State Employees health care benefits program to offer to all qualified state employees and retirees the option of receiving health care through a high deductible plan and the establishment health savings accounts.

SB 607

Introduced on 2/12/08

Status no info at this time

Interested Agencies - Kansas Health Policy Authority - Tracy Russell

Bill Notes

This bill creates the Kansas Government Efficiency Commission. The purpose of this Commission is to improve the performance, streamline the operations, improve the efficiency, and reduce the operating costs of the executive branch of the state government. The Commission is provided complete access to records, files, documents and correspondence confidential or not, of any state officer or employee or state agency of the executive branch of the state government. For the moment this bill only applies to state executive agencies, but it could easily be amended to include the KHPA. This bill was introduced by Senators: D. Schmidt, Barnett, Donovan, Huelskamp, Jordan, Journey, Lynn, Ostmeyer, Palmer, Peterson, Pine, Pyle, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Wagle and Wilson on February 12, 2008.

HB 2578 Establishing the utilization of unused medications act.

Introduced on 3/14/07

Status 3/27/2007 S Received and introduced -SJ 543; 3/28/2007 S Referred to Ways and Means -SJ 601
2/6/2008 S CR: Be passed as am. by Ways and Means

Interested Agencies - Department of Commerce - Patricia Eakes; Kansas Health Policy Authority – Tracy Russell.

Bill Notes

KHPA testimony requested-Andy, Marcia, Margaret, Phil.

HB 2578 is a carryover bill that enacts the Utilization of Unused Medications Act and makes the KHPA OIG changes as well. This bill has been amended several times by various committees and has been passed out of the House Committee of the Whole and now the Senate Committee of the Whole to be passed over and retain a place on the calendar.

HB 2607 School districts; healthy weight programs; state grants

Introduced on 1/14/2008; 1/3/2008 Pre-filed for introduction. (Introducing Legislator's): Jay Emler and others

Status 1/14/2008 HOUSE - Introduced -HJ 1285; Referred to Health and Human Services -HJ 1286

Interested Agencies - Department of Commerce - Patricia Eakes; Kansas Health Policy Authority – Tracy Russell.

Bill Notes

Identical to SB 528. HB 2607 Allows school districts to establish/maintain healthy weight education programs for middle school children and apply for state funded grants for such programs.

HB 2737 An act increasing the rate of tax upon cigarettes and tobacco products; creating health reform fund; depositing money into.

Introduced on 2/1/08

Status 2/1/2008 H Introduced -HJ 1333; 2/4/2008 H Referred to Taxation -HJ 1340; Hearing: Thurs., 2/7 & Fri., 2/8/2008, 3:30 pm, Rm. 527-S

Interested Agencies - Department of Revenue - Steve Neske; **Governor** - Susan Allen, John Polzar and Kate Wolff; **Department of Administration** - Annette Witt; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** – Tracy Russell.

Bill Notes

HB 2737 is the KHPA cigarette and smokeless tobacco tax increase for Health Reform. The bill raises the tax on cigarettes to \$1.29 and raises the tax on smokeless tobacco 47%. The bill increases the cigarette tax annually to reflect an assumption of inflation and requires a deposit of \$61.57 million in the first year from the state general fund to the Health Reform fund that is created within the bill. In subsequent years, the amount transferred to the Health Reform Fund will be \$68.62 million in 2010, \$68.24 million in 2011, \$67.80 million in 2012, \$67.37 million in 2013, and \$66.95 million in 2014. The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Taxation on February 1, 2008.

HB 2822 Small employer health insurance; exemption from mandates, section 125 plans; tax credit.

Introduced on 2/11/08

Status 2/11/2008 H Introduced -HJ 1362 2/12/2008 H Referred to Insurance and Financial Institutions

Interested Agencies - Department of Revenue - Steve Neske; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** – Tracy Russell.

Bill Notes

HB 2822 requires employers, who provide health insurance coverage for employees and pays any portion of the premium, to establish a cafeteria plan. The requirement does not apply to employers who offer health insurance through self-insured or self-funded group health benefit plans. The bill also provides a credit against Kansas income taxes for amounts paid by employers for providing employee health insurance. This bill was introduced by the House Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions on February 11, 2008.

HB 2864 Health insurance, coverage for treatment of morbid obesity.

Introduced on 2/13/08

Status 2/14/2008 HOUSE - Referred to Insurance and Financial Institutions -HJ 1379

Interested Agencies - Highway Patrol - Debbie Schumaker; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** – Tracy Russell.

Bill Notes

This bill mandates all individual or group health insurance policies sold in the state must provide coverage for services for diagnosis and treatment of morbid obesity. The bill requires treatment of morbid obesity with gastric bypass surgery or such other methods as may be recognized by the national institute of health as effective for long-term reversal of morbid obesity. This bill was introduced by Representatives Swenson and Garcia on February 13, 2008.

HB 2888 State health care benefits program, public school districts.

Introduced on 2/13/08

Status 2/13/2008 H Introduced -HJ 1376 2/14/2008 H Referred to Appropriations -HJ 1379

Interested Agencies - Department of Revenue - Steve Neske; **Governor** – Gavin Young; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** – Tracy Russell.

Bill Notes

This bill amends the state health care benefits program by permitting school districts that fail to qualify to participate in the state health care benefit program to participate in the benefit program with separate rates. The state employee health care commission may allow such school district's participation if the commission separately rates such school district's group and makes a determination as to the premium rate for such school district group. This bill was introduced by Representatives Holland, Davis, Goyle, McLachlan, Menghini, Rardin, Swenson, and Tietze on February 13, 2008.

HB 2889 Health insurance small employers.

Introduced on 2/13/08

Status 2/13/2008 H Introduced -HJ 1377 2/14/2008 H Referred to Insurance and Financial Institutions - HJ 1379

Interested Agencies - Governor – Gavin Young; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** – Tracy Russell.

Bill Notes

This bill is identical to SB 564. Description of 564 is detailed in February 7th bills of interest report. This bill was introduced by Representatives Holland, Davis, Goyle, McLachlan, Menghini, Rardin, Swenson, and Tietze.

Moderate Interest Bills

SB 327 Renewable fuels; income tax credits.

Introduced on 2/7/08

Status 1 3/27/2007 H COW: Be passed over and retain a place on calendar -HJ 649; 1/22/2008 H Withdrawn from calendar, rereferred to Energy and Utilities -HJ 1304 2/13/2008 H CR: Substitute be passed by Energy and Utilities -HJ 1373; Substitute introduced & placed on General Orders -HJ 1373

Interested Agencies - **Department of Agriculture** – Eric Wisner; **Department of Commerce** – Patty Clark and Corey Mohn; **Department of Revenue** - Steve Neske; **Lieutenant Governor** - Aaron Otto; **Governor** - Katy Belot; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** - Tracy Russell

Bill Notes

This bill does several things concerning energy and electricity but the principle concern is the creation of the Kansas Energy Science and Technology Commission. Part of the makeup of this Commission is the Executive Director of the KHPA and the bill does not allow for designees. The Commission is charged with several specific duties, overall the commission will study the environmental and health impact of energy production. This bill was introduced by the House Committee on Energy and Utilities on February 13, 2008.

SB 396 Nurse Licensure compact.

Introduced on 1/14/2008

Status 8/22/2007 Pre-filed for introduction 1/14/2008; SENATE - Introduced -SJ 1193; Referred to Public Health and Welfare -SJ 1196

Interested Agencies - **Department of Commerce** - Patricia Eakes; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** – Tracy Russell.

Bill Notes

SB 396 no bill notes at this time.

SB 398 INSURANCE; coverage for autism.

Introduced on 1/8/2007

Status 1/3/2008 Pre-filed for introduction. 1/14/2008 SENATE - Introduced -SJ 1193; Referred to Financial Institutions and Insurance -SJ 1196.

Interested Agencies - **Department of Commerce** - Patricia Eakes; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** – Tracy Russell and Scott Brunner.

Bill Notes

SB 398 no bill notes at this time.

SB 406 Colleges and universities; fees and tuition; service scholarship programs, applied health care professionals for children with autism.

Introduced on 1/14/08

Status 1/14/2008 SENATE - Introduced -SJ 1194; Referred to Ways and Means -SJ 1196 1/30/2008 SENATE - Hearing: 2/04/2008, Mon., 10:30 am, Rm. 123-S

Interested Agencies - Department Social and Rehabilitation Services - Patrick Woods, and Dustin Hardison; **Department of Commerce** - Patricia Eakes; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** - Tracy Russell; **Department of Administration** - Annette Witt.

Bill Notes

SB 406 no bill notes at this time.

HB 408 Early childhood education programs; transfer of the administration of tiny-K, early head start and the pre-K pilot to state board of education.

Introduced on 1/14/08

Status 1/3/2008 Pre-filed for introduction; 1/14/2008 S Introduced -SJ 1194; Referred to Education -SJ 1196 2/6/2008; S Hearing: 2/11/2008, Mon., 1:30 pm, Rm. 123-S; Hearing: 2/12/2008, Tues., 1:30 pm, Rm 123-S

Interested Agencies - Department Social and Rehabilitation Services - Patrick Woods, Sandra Hazlett and Dustin Hardison; **Department of Commerce** - Patricia Eakes; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** - Tracy Russell, Scott Brunner and Reagan Cussimano; **Department of Administration** - Annette Witt.

Bill Notes

SB 408 no bill notes at this time.

SB 412 Health care; medical assistance repayment; discretionary trusts

Introduced on 1/14/08

Status 1/29/2008 S CR: Be passed by Judiciary -SJ 1226; 2/7/2008 S COW: Be passed -SJ 1269; EFA: Passed; Yeas 40 Nays 0 -SJ 1270; 2/8/2008 H Received and introduced.

Interested Agencies - Department Social and Rehabilitation Services - Patrick Woods, Sandra Hazlett and Dustin Hardison; **Department of Commerce** - Patricia Eakes; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** - Tracy Russell, Scott Brunner and Reagan Cussimano; **Department of Administration** - Annette Witt.

Bill Notes

SB 412 no bill notes at this time.

SB 441 HIPAA Compliance; amending KSA 2007. Health insurance; HIPAA date change.

Introduced on 1/17/08

Status 1/29/2008 S CR: Be passed & placed on consent calendar by Financial Institutions and Insurance - SJ 1226; 2/7/2008 S FA: Passed; Yeas 40 Nays 0 -SJ 1268; 2/8/2008 H Received and introduced

Interested Agencies - Department of Commerce - Patricia Eakes; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** - Tracy Russell.

Bill Notes

SB 441 would amend the sunset date from December 31, 2007 to December 31, 2008 for the law requiring parity between health and mental health benefits in all group health insurance policies except for small groups. The Insurance Commissioner indicates the state must change the sunset annually in order to comply with HIPAA. The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance on January 18, 2008.

SB 452 Prescribing certain energy conservation measures and reporting requirements for state agencies.

Introduced on 1/17/08

Status 1/22/2008 S Introduced -SJ 1211; 1/23/2008 S Referred to Natural Resources -SJ 1214; 2/8/2008 S Hearing: 2/14/2008, Thur., 8:30 am, Rm. 423-S

Interested Agencies - Department of Commerce - Patricia Eakes, Corey Mohn and Ed Grey; **Department Social and Rehabilitation Services** - Dustin Hardison; **Department of Administration** – Chris Howe and Delberta Pfeifer; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** - Tracy Russell; **Department of Agriculture** – Erik Wisner; **Highway Patrol** - Debbie Schumaker; **Governor** - Gavin Young.

Bill Notes

SB 452 establishes energy efficiency standards and requirements for state agencies and government to be administered by the Secretary of Administration. The bill requires the head of each state agency to provide information to and cooperate with the Secretary of Administration for the purposes of implementing and administering the energy efficiency policies and procedures proscribed by the Secretary of Administration. SB 452 was introduced by the Special Committee on Energy, National Resources and Environment.

SB 458 Immigration reform.

Introduced on 1/22/08

Status 1/22/2008 S Introduced -SJ 1212; 1/23/2008 S Referred to Federal and State Affairs -SJ 1214.

Interested Agencies - Department of Commerce - Patricia Eakes and Ed Grey; **Department Social and Rehabilitation Services** - Dustin Hardison; **Department of Labor** – Beth Martino; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** - Tracy Russell; **Department of Revenue** – Steve Neske; **Highway Patrol** - Debbie Schumaker; **Governor** - John Polzar and Kate Wolff.

Bill Notes

SB 458 creates the Kansas Illegal Immigration Relief Act. The act establishes several restrictions involving illegal aliens, including; the employment of illegal aliens, the providing of “public benefits” to illegal aliens, and requirements of law enforcement. Specifically, the act prohibits any state government entity from providing welfare or health benefits to any illegal alien and requires all state agencies to fully comply with the enforcement of federal immigration law. SB 458 was introduced by Senators palmer, Barnett, Huelskamp, Journey and Ostmeyer.

SB 464 Reinsurance agreements; granting the commissioner limited discretion to waive certain requirements.

Introduced 1/24/08

Status 1/24/2008 S Introduced -SJ 1215 1/25/2008 S Referred to Financial Institutions and Insurance -SJ 1219 2/13/2008 S CR: Be passed by Financial Institutions and Insurance

Interested Agencies – Department of Commerce - Patricia Eakes; **Governor**- John Polzar, Susan Allen and Kate Wolff; **Highway Patrol** Debbie Schumaker; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** - Tracy Russell; **Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission** - Don Cawby

Bill Notes

This bill permits the Commissioner of Insurance to waive certain reinsurance requirements when the transfer of obligation or risks results from the discontinuance of business by the transferring insurer. This bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance on February 13, 2008. The bill was supported by the KID.

SB 491 Prescription monitoring program act.

Introduced on 1/28/08

Status 1/28/2008 S Introduced -SJ 1222 1/29/2008 S Referred to Public Health and Welfare -SJ 1226 1/30/2008 S Hearing: 2/04/2008, Mon., 1:30 pm, Rm. 136-N.

Interested Agencies - Kansas Health Policy Authority - Tracy Russell; **Highway Patrol** - Debbie Schumaker; **Governor** - Juliene Maska.

Bill Notes

SB 491 establishes the prescription drug monitoring program. The bill requires the board of pharmacy to create rules and regulations for the monitoring and dispensing of scheduled substances and drugs of concern within the state. The bill also requires the use of a prescription monitoring program database that is authorized to provide data to the KHPA and other various entities. SB 491 was introduced by Senators V. Schmidt, Allen, Barnett, Barone, Betts, Browlee, Bruce, Brungardt, Donovan, Emler, Francisco, Gilstrap, Goodwin, Haley, Hensley, Jordan, Journey, Kelly, Lee, Lynn, McGinn, Morris, Peterson, Pine, Reitz, D. Schmidt, Schdorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Teichman, Umbarger, Wagle, Wilson and Wysong on January 29, 2008.

SB 548 School-based influenza vaccination pilot program.

Introduced on 2/5/08

Status 1/28/2008 S Introduced -SJ 1222 1/29/2008 S Referred to Public Health and Welfare -SJ 1226 1/30/2008 S Hearing: 2/04/2008, Mon., 1:30 pm, Rm. 136-N.

Interested Agencies - Kansas Health Policy Authority - Tracy Russell.

Bill Notes

SB 548 directs KDHE to conduct a study of the feasibility of establishing a school-based influenza vaccination pilot program. The bill requires KDHE to report to the Joint Committee on Health Policy Oversight before the 2009 session. SB 548 was introduced by the Committee on Public Health & Welfare on February 5, 2008.

SB 556 Medical marijuana defense act.

Introduced on 2/5/08

Status 2/5/2008 S Introduced -SJ 1246 2/6/2008 S Referred to Health Care Strategies; Hearing: 2/11/2008, Mon., 1:30 pm, Rm. 136-N

Interested Agencies - Kansas Health Policy Authority - Tracy Russell; Highway Patrol - Debbie Schumaker; Department Social and Rehabilitation Services – Patrick Woods.

Bill Notes

SB 556 establishes the Medical Marijuana Defense Act. This act prevents a physician from being subject to criminal liability or civil liability for providing written certification that a patient is likely to receive therapeutic benefit from the medical use of marijuana to treat or alleviate the patient's serious or debilitating medical condition. This bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Health Care Strategies on February 5, 2008.

SB 579 Rules and regulations; consideration of effect on small business.

Introduced on 2/7/08

Status 2/7/2008 S Introduced -SJ 1268 2/8/2008 S Referred to Commerce

Interested Agencies - Governor - Gavin Young; **Department of Revenue –** Steve Neske; **Department of Administration –** Delberta Pfeifer.

Bill Notes

SB 579 no bill notes at this time.

SB 585 Assessments on nursing facilities; quality assurance assessment fund; initiatives for nursing care improvements.

Introduced on 2/7/08

Status 2/8/2008 S Introduced -SJ 1272; 2/8/2008 S Hearing: 2/14/2008, Thur., 10:30 am, Rm. 123-S
2/11/2008 S Referred to Ways and Means.

Interested Agencies - Department of Commerce - Patricia Eakes

Bill Notes

Bill 585 provides several changes to adult care home requirements. The provision of the bill that is of interest is the section that requires the Secretary of Aging to create an amendment to the state plan for Medicaid to increase the rates of payments made to skilled nursing care facilities. The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways & Means on February 8, 2008.

SB 597 Dentistry Bridging Loan Program.

Introduced on 2/11/08

Status 2/11/2008 S Introduced -SJ 1275; 2/12/2008 S Referred to Ways and Means

Interested Agencies - Kansas Health Policy Authority - Tracy Russell

Bill Notes

SB 597 Establishes the Kansas Dentistry Bridging Program at the University of Kansas Medical School. The program provides three payments of \$8,000 annually to dentistry students who agree to practice in Kansas for 3 years following graduation. In addition to practicing in Kansas, the students must agree not practice in Douglas, Johnson, Sedgwick, or Wyandotte Counties. This bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means on February 11, 2008.

HB 2615 Abortion; late term abortion records; reporting.

Introduced on 1/14/08

Status 1/14/2008 HOUSE - Introduced -HJ 1285; Referred to Federal and State Affairs -HJ 1286

Interested Agencies - Department of Commerce - Patricia Eakes; **Governor –** Kate Wolff; **Kansas Health Policy Authority -** Tracy Russell;

Bill Notes

HB 2615 no bill notes at this time.

HB 2618 Administrative procedure amendments.

Introduced on 1/14/08

Status 1/10/2008 Pre-filed for introduction; 1/14/2008 H Introduced -HJ 1285; Referred to Judiciary -HJ 1286; 1/23/2008 H Hearing: Tues., 1/29/2008, 3:30 pm, Rm. 313-S

Interested Agencies - Department of Commerce - Patricia Eakes; **Governor** – Gavin Young and Brittney Stiffler; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** - Tracy Russell; **Department of Revenue** – Steve Neske; **Department of Administration** –Delberta Pfeifer; **Department of Agriculture** – Erik Wisner; **Department of Labor** – Glenn Griffeth.

Bill Notes

HB 2618 no bill notes at this time.

HB 2624 Rules and regulations; procedure to adopt a substantial change.

Introduced on 1/15/08

Status 1/16/2008 H Referred to Federal and State Affairs -HJ 1295

Interested Agencies - Governor – Gavin Young; **Department of Commerce** - Patricia Eakes; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** - Tracy Russell; **Department of Revenue** – Steve Neske; **Department of Labor** – Beth Martino; **Department of Agriculture** – Erik Wisner; **Department of Administration** –Delberta Pfeifer.

Bill Notes

HB 2624no bill notes at this time.

HB 2637 Telecommunications; pricing flexibility; lifeline service program.

Introduced on 1/17/08

Status 2/7/2008 H COW: Be passed -HJ 1350; 2/11/2008 H FA: Passed; Yeas 109 Nays 12; 2/11/2008 S received and introduced.

Interested Agencies - Department of Commerce - Patricia Eakes; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** – Tracy Russell; **Department Social and Rehabilitation Services** – Sandra Hazlett and Dustin Hardison.

Bill Notes

HB 2637 establishes that SRS is permitted, but not required, to share certain information of low-income individuals to participating telecommunications companies for enrollment in the Lifeline program. The lifeline program provides phone access to low-income individuals for reduced prices. The bill requires SRS to provide a mechanism for these low-income individuals to consent to the release of their information to the telecommunication companies. The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Energy and Utilities on January 18, 2008.

HB 2647 Taxpayer transparency act. Effective date: Kansas Register

Introduced on 1/18/08

Status 1/18/2008 H Introduced -HJ 1301; 1/22/2008 H Referred to Government Efficiency and Technology -HJ 1303; 1/30/2008 H Hearing: Mon., 2/4/2008, 3:30 pm, Rm. 526-S

Interested Agencies - Governor – Gavin Young and Aaron Otto; **Department of Commerce** - Patricia Eakes; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** – Tracy Russell; **Department of Revenue** – Steve Neske; **Department of Agriculture** – Erik Wisner; **Department of Administration** –Delberta Pfeifer, Pam Fink and Annette Witt.

Bill Notes

HB 2647 establishes the Kansas Taxpayer Transparency Act. Essentially, the act provides that the Secretary of Administration must develop and operate a website to provide information on various economic aspects of all state agencies, including salaries, contracts, and agency earnings. All state agencies, including the KHPA would have to assist and cooperate with the displaying of such information.

HB 2672 Long-term care units, inspection by department on aging.

Introduced on 1/24/08

Status 1/24/2008 H Introduced -HJ 1310; 1/25/2008 H Referred to Health and Human Services -HJ 1312 1/30/2008 H Hearing: Mon., 2/4/2008, 1:30 pm, Rm. 526-S

Interested Agencies - Department of Commerce - Patricia Eakes; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** – Tracy Russell.

Bill Notes

HB 2672 makes several changes to current CARE (Client Assessment Referral and Evaluation) and children's health issues. The bill requires the Secretary of SRS to consult with the KHPA instead of the Health Care Data Governing Board on issues relating to children's health status. The bill also requires all rules and regulations adopted by the Health Care Data Governing Board relating to the CARE data entry form shall be deemed to be the rules and regulations of the KHPA. The bill also requires the KDHE to consult with the KHPA instead of the Health Care Data Governing Board when preparing the annual report of licensing medical care facilities.

HB 2729 Deduction for medical care expenses for state income tax purposes.

Introduced on 1/31/08

Status 1/31/2008 H Introduced -HJ 1332; 2/1/2008 H Referred to Taxation -HJ 1334; 2/6/2008 H Hearing: Fri., 2/15/2008, 9:00 am, Rm. 519-S

Interested Agencies - Department of Revenue – Steve Neske.

Bill Notes

HB 2729 creates a deduction in Kansas income tax for expenses paid during the taxable year for medical care of the taxpayer or dependants so long as the expense was not compensated for by insurance. This bill

differs from HB 270 by creating a deduction for payments for medical care rather than payments of premiums. This bill was introduced by Committee on Taxation on January 31, 2008.

HB 2730 Kansas taxpayer transparency act.

Introduced on 1/31/08

Status 1/31/2008 H Introduced -HJ 1332; 2/1/2008 H Referred to Government Efficiency and Technology -HJ 1334; 2/6/2008 H CR: Be passed as am. by Government Efficiency and Technology

Interested Agencies - Department of Revenue – Steve Neske; **Governor** – Gavin Young; **Department of Administration** – Delberta Pfeifer,

Bill Notes

HB 2730 establishes the Kansas Taxpayer Transparency Act and is identical to HB 2647 which established the same act. HB 2647 was introduced on January 18, 2008 and HB 2730 was introduced on January 31, 2008 by Representatives Kelley, Holland, King, Loganbill, McLachlan, McLeland, Jim Morrison, Quigley, Siegfried, Swenson and Trimmer.

HB 2752 Geriatric mental health act.

Introduced on 2/4/08

Status 2/4/2008 H Introduced -HJ 1342; 2/5/2008 H Referred to Social Services Budget -HJ 1343

Interested Agencies - Governor – Kate Wolff

Bill Notes

HB 2752 establishes the Geriatric Mental Health Act. This act creates a geriatric mental health service program within the department of aging that is to be administrated by the department of aging. The act provides that funding from this program is to go to any provider of care who provides care to older adults who have mental disabilities. This bill was introduced on February 4, 2008 by the House Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2809 Income tax credit for certain physicians and dentists who contribute professional time to treat medically indigent persons.

Introduced on 2/11/08

Status 2/11/2008 H Introduced -HJ 1361; 2/12/2008 H Referred to Taxation

Interested Agencies - Department of Revenue - Steve Neske; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** – Tracy Russell.

Bill Notes

HB 2809 permits a physician or dentist who donates qualified professional time to treat medically indigent persons in an indigent health care clinic to claim a credit against Kansas income tax. The amount allowed

is \$45 per hour of qualified professional time with a taxable year cap of \$3,000. This bill was introduced by the House Committee on Taxation on February 11, 2008.

HB 2827	Rules and regulations; consideration of effect on small employers.
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Introduced on 2/11/08

Status 2/11/2008 H Introduced -HJ 1362; 2/12/2008 H Referred to Appropriations

Interested Agencies - Department of Revenue - Steve Neske; **Department of Agriculture** - Erik Wisner; **Department of Administration** - Delberta Pfeifer; **Department of Labor** - Beth Martino; **Governor** - Gavin Young; **Kansas Health Policy Authority** - Tracy Russell

Bill Notes

HB 2827 is identical to SB 579 which requires the budget director to estimate fiscal impacts on small employers when doing fiscal impact reports as requested by the state rules and regulations board. This bill was introduced by the House Committee on Commerce & Labor on February 11, 2008.

HB 2893	All-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) program.
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Introduced on 2/14/08

Status 2/11/2008 H Introduced -HJ 1362; 2/12/2008 H Referred to Appropriations

Interested Agencies - Kansas Health Policy Authority - Tracy Russell

Bill Notes

This bill establishes the Health Care for Seniors Fund to be administrated by the Secretary of Aging. Money allocated or appropriated from the fund shall be used for the additional funding for health care programs, assistance, and services for seniors. The funding for the Fund is to be from the Expanded Lottery Act revenues. This bill was introduced by Representatives Gordon, Bethell, Burroughs, Faust-Goudeau, Henry, Horst, Huntington, Kelsey, Lane, Menghini, J. Morrison, Palmer, Sloan, and Williams on February 13, 2008.